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Seraph Claims Honors

The SERAPH has been awarded "first place" in the 35th Annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association competition. This places the newspaper among the finest in the United States and further confirms everyone's high opinion of it.

In this contest each entry is carefully analyzed and commented upon. The SERAPH received such high praise as "photos well done", "columns well done and in good taste." As for the number of points awarded, the SERAPH was given 925 out of a possible 1000.

The entire staff is certainly to be congratulated for their excellent work and fine achievements. This new honor can now be added to the list of victories scored by the Prep's publications.

In addition, Frank de Caro, editorialist for the SERAPH, was awarded the Journal-American Award for his essay on the controversial subject of conformism versus non-conformism entitled, "Be Different". In recognition of his past achievements, Frank has been selected chief editorialist of the SERAPH for next year, writing the Scholastic Slants column.

Fathers' Guild Hosts Its Annual Breakfast

The Grand Ballroom of the Hotel St. George, located in downtown Brooklyn, was filled to capacity with Prep fathers and their sons who attended the annual Communion Breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th.

Mass was celebrated at 8 o'clock in the church of the Assumption following which the Military Band, Color Guard and Brothers led the parade of fathers and sons to the hotel.

The dais was occupied by the Brothers and invited guests including the Superior General and the Assistant General of the Franciscan Brothers. The Rev. Thomas F. Cribbin, Associate Director of the Apostolate for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, was the guest speaker. Father Cribbin spoke of the difficulties which persons deaf or hard of hearing encounter and reminded the audience to give thanks daily to God for the gift of hearing which they possess.

Mr. Thomas D. Mitchell, President of the Fathers' Guild, acted as toastmaster. Mr. Robert Corley was chairman of the affair.

Brother Timothy spoke and thanked the fathers for their annual gift. Following his talk, Brother Timothy announced and called to the dais the winners of the annual Al Powers awards. The winners were: Raymond Nash for basketball; Joseph O'Brien for baseball; John Langton for swimming; Thomas Hall for football and George Lippemeier for track.

The James P. Kiley, Jr. Memorial Trophy, sponsored by the Fathers' Guild in memory of the late James Kiley, a member of the 1958 senior class, was awarded to Charles LeFever.

The highest award and honor St. Francis Prep bestows upon a graduating senior is the annual Al Powers Memorial Trophy. Though it is termed for the "Outstanding Athlete", much more than athletic ability is required of the one honored. The name of the winner is engraved on the permanent trophy which holds the place of honor in the case on the Prep's first corridor. A replica of that trophy is presented to the individual for permanent possession. The winner for 1959 was Raymond Nash who has distinguished himself in every requirement for the highest and most difficult to obtain Prep honor.

The entire music department of St. Francis Prep assembles on one stage to treat the student body and friends to an exemplary display of musical talent. The group was led by Mrs. Marie MacDonald.

Music Department Excels In 15th Annual Concert

By presenting the Fourteenth Annual Concert of St. Francis Preparatory on May 15 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Music Department provided a fitting climax to the cultural year.

Held under the direction of Mrs. Marie V. MacDonald, Mr. Thomas A. Foster and Mr. Thomas Verona with the aid of Moderator Brother Robert who was assisted by Brothers Norbert and Beckett, an outstanding display of musical talent was displayed.

Beginning at 8 P.M. with the rendition of the traditional Gaudeamus Igitur by the Glee Club, the festivities proceeded smoothly and enjoyably.

Touching on varied fields of musical endeavor the program appealed to the tastes of all. Selections ranged from the Classical "Russian Overture" by Tschaikovsky played by the Orchestra, to the modern "Jumping at the Woodside" performed by the Dance Band.

Such Broadway musical comedy favorites as "A Grand Night For Singing", "Standing on the Corner", "Thank Heaven for Little Girls", "When You're Smiling" and "Happy Talk" were sung by the Glee Club. Gigi, The Most Happy Fella, Meet Danny Wilson, and South Pacific were among the shows represented in this medley.

An integral part of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of particularly talented members of the Music Department. Peter and Richard Farley as soloists rendered "Me and My Shadow" as part of a Tribute to George Gershwin.

The Select Chorus featured "Hisposi Pomilui" by Von Lvov and "A Carol of the Drums". Later, collaborating with the Military Band, the spectators were treated to the "Children's Marching Song" and the Military Band issued forth with the Official West Point March by Parham and Enger.

"Invitation to the Waltz" and "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11" were contributions of the Piano Ensemble while "Three Kings" was offered by the Trumpet Trio.

Culminating an evening that is traditionally excellent in performance and an important social and cultural facet of the activities program at St. Francis, the Glee Club gave a resounding rendition of the school song "On for Old St. Francis."

Former Graduate Ordained Priest

Reverend William Andrew Roos, a Prep graduate of the class of '51, was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey, on May 23rd. The ordaining prelate was Bishop George W. Ahr, D.D., of Trenton Diocese.

Father Roos celebrated his first Solemn Mass May 31, at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Brooklyn, his home parish. The Archpriest was Rev. James J. Burgess of Holy Name Church who was assisted by the Deacon, Rev. William J. Gallagher, St. Vincent's Church, Bayonne, N. J., and Subdeacon, Rev. Mr. Carl J. Arcio, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J. The Preacher was Rev. Charles S. Ahearn, Chaplain of St. Joseph's Convent, Flushing, N. Y.

Father William Roos is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Roos who reside at 20½ Windsor Place, Brooklyn. He attended Holy Name of Jesus School and was graduated in February, 1947. In addition to being a Prep graduate, Father was also graduated from St. Francis College, Brooklyn, in 1954. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy.

The faculty and students extend their congratulations to Father Roos on this memorable occasion.

St. Francis Prep Inaugurates Parochial Speech Tourney

On Saturday, May 16, Saint Francis Prep held its First Annual Oratorical Contest for eighth grade students of elementary schools. The contest, organized and directed by Brother Goretti and Mr. Monaghan, boasted a list of contestants numbering two hundred-thirty and two hundred Sisters, representing eighty-four schools in the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. Lunch was served to all attending in the cafeteria by the cafeteria squad.

The contest ran for five hours — from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. During this time each speaker spoke three times. Six finalists were chosen from the results of the judges' ballots. The topic for the contest was "My Favorite Character in History." Cash prizes were awarded to the six finalists and plaques were presented to the top three schools. Brother Timothy made the presentations.

Plans have already been formulated for next year when, in addition to an oratorical contest, the Prep will also hold a debating tournament.

Results:

First Place: Dennis Harley, St. Anselm; Second Place: Francis Callan, St. Ignatius Loyola; Third Place: John McMenamin, Notre Dame.

Finalists: Daniel Caldi, St. Anselm; Michael Divina, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; Peter Ferrara, Notre Dame.

Dennis Harley of St. Anselm's parish, winner of Speech contest, looks on as Sister Mary Meletia, S.S.N.D. accepts first place trophy from Brother Timothy, O.S.F., Principal.

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Farewell . . .

The Centennial graduating class, the Class of '59, will soon leave the Prep. Former classmates will separate, perhaps never to meet again, perhaps to form even closer friendships in ensuing years. Some will go to college, some to the armed forces, some to business. Still others will enter the religious life.

One benefit they will always hold in common — their Franciscan education. It is with this thought in mind that the present graduating class wishes to express its

SINCERE GRATITUDE TO:

Brother Timothy — who has raised St. Francis to the epitome of success. We will always be proud to say that we were Prepsters during the Prep's "golden years".

Brother Robert — who always seemed to be on hand when a senior needed a friend. He has extended himself innumerable times to help Prepsters in every grade.

The Senior Faculty — who have seen us through the final stages of our preparatory education. They have prepared us well for our future life.

The Brothers and Lay Teachers — who have taken sincere interest in our futures. Since Freshman year they have literally "taken a hand" in our education.

Realizing fully that the many advantages offered us have been denied to many, we thank God for our state in life.

Former Prepster Elevated To Fullness of Priesthood

With great joy and pride did we receive the pronouncement that the Very Rev. Charles R. Mulrooney, Rector of Cathedral College, was named Titular Bishop and Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart. Once again, a Franciscan boy had been elevated to the "fullness of the priesthood".

Most Reverend Charles R. Mulrooney, D.D., Ph.D., received his elementary education under the tutelage of the Franciscan Brothers at St. Anthony's School in Greenpoint. His brilliance was apparent at a very early age. In 1918 he was awarded a four year scholarship to St. Francis Preparatory. During his years at the Prep his spiritual qualities, humility and warm personality, coupled with his intellectual accomplishments, won for him the admiration of both the Brothers and fellow students.

Bishop Charles R. Mulrooney, D.D., Ph.D.

Brother Leo, O.S.F., a classmate of Bishop Mulrooney and presently Chairman of the Mathematics Department at St. Francis College, has often been heard to extol his fellow student's merits. Brother Leo informed us that among the Bishop's many accomplishments at St. Francis, he was Editor-in-Chief of the school's latin newspaper entitled "Tuba".

In 1921, at the termination of his Junior year, Bishop Mulrooney answered Christ's call to the priesthood by transferring to Cathedral College to pursue further studies in order to actualize his holy vocation. His classmate at Cathedral was Father Archibald McLees, presently Pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Brooklyn, and renowned for his work and leadership on the Diocesan Interracial Council. Father McLees was graduated from St. Francis Prep in 1921.

After ordination June 10, 1930, Bishop Mulrooney served as an assistant at Holy Rosary parish, Brooklyn, during that Summer and then for two years at St. Gerard's, Hollis, where he was moderator of the altar boys and the Sodality.

From 1931 to 1943 he was on the faculty at Cathedral College. He also served as prefect of studies at the seminary.

For the last six and a half years, Bishop Mulrooney has served as Rector of Cathedral College and also as president of the four-year liberal arts program for seminarians. He is a former member of the general executive board of the National Catholic Educational Association.

The Franciscan Brothers were doubly honored when their former student officiated at the Centennial celebration on May 5, at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel St. George, which marked the termination of the Franciscan Brothers' Centennial year in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

The latter is the second priest who studied under the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn to be nominated for episcopal honors in the Franciscans' Centennial year. The other was Bishop James V. Pardy, M.M., Vicar Apostolic of Chung Ju in South Korea. Bishop James V. Pardy is a graduate of St. Francis College.

To Bishop Mulrooney, we offer our best wishes. We hail him with the liturgical salutation which he offered the consecrating prelate on the day of his reception of the episcopate, "Ad Multos Annos!"

Seated beside Brother Athanasius, O.S.F., then Principal of St. Anthony's School, Greenpoint, is Bishop Mulrooney as a member of the 1910 graduating class.

The Asian Purge . . .

Strange as it may seem to Occidentals, the great slave state of Communist China is the hero of many Oriental nations. This comes as a result of Asian nationalism. For the first time in modern history a great power has arisen in Asia. It has been a source of pride to many members of the yellow races. Not to let this opportunity go to waste, the Reds have lost no time in playing the part of "big brother". This accounts for the apparent trend toward Communism in Asia. Recently, however, the weaker relatives have been forced to take another look at brother. It seems too evident that he is set on being boss of the family.

The incident in question is, of course, Tibet. China has ruled the area, undisputedly since the early 1950's. The Tibetans have never taken too kindly to the idea, it would seem. A few months ago the situation erupted into violence when fighting broke out in Lhasa, Tibet's capital. Within a few days reports filtered out and the world got a glimpse of just what was happening. The fierce Khamba tribesmen, who have been carrying on warfare for several years, invaded Lhasa when combat broke out between Buddhists and Communists over the Dalai Lama, nominal rule. Everything erupted.

Then came reports of vast atrocities on the part of the Chinese. Thousands were being murdered or being sent to concentration camps. Monasteries were being burned to the ground. Towns were being looted and destroyed. It was an "Asian Hungary".

The incident was certainly most unfortunate, especially in that the Western powers took no action. However, there are repercussions which have only begun to resound. Perhaps the bloody strife will even prove beneficial in the long run. Small nations of Asia are starting to wonder how great their hero really is. Has their empire which has grown out of a nation once exploited by European, American and Japanese imperialists been transformed into a sort of super-imperialism all its own? So it would seem. This could well mean a permanent family split and perhaps a new "big brother", India, long a top contender for the title.

Banquet Climaxes Centennial Year

His Excellency the Most Reverend Charles R. Mulrooney, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, presided on Tuesday, May 5, at the Centennial Dinner of the Franciscan Brothers. The Honorable Malcolm Wilson, Lieutenant Governor of New York, was the principal speaker.

More than eleven hundred friends, relatives and alumni of the Franciscan Brothers filled the main Ballroom of the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, to felicitate the Brothers on their one hundred years of service as educators.

Brother Bertrand, O.S.F., Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers; Mr. John J. Lynch, K.S.G., Chairman for Centennial Dinner; Mr. Malcolm Wilson, Lieut. Governor of the State of New York, Principal Speaker; and Bishop Charles Mulrooney were among guests who graced the dais.

The dinner closed a year given to celebrating the achievements of the Community and to thanking God for His Grace in sustaining the Brothers throughout the century. Masses of thanksgiving, a College Convocation, luncheons and finally the Centennial Dinner combined to form a program both religious and social.

Dignitaries of the State, Church, City and Borough paid tribute to the Brothers who have served the Metropolitan area in educating boys and young men. Mr. John J. Lynch, K.S.G., Chairman of the Centennial Dinner Committee, headed a long list of representatives of the community who joined the Brothers in marking their anniversary.

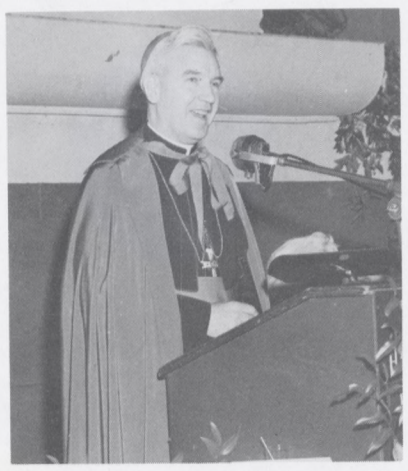
The Honorable Thomas J. Cuite, a St. Francis College Alumnus, and Toastmaster of the Dinner struck the keynote of the evening in reminding the guests of the memories engendered and the achievements accomplished by the Brothers. "The fact," said Mr. Cuite, "that so many have come to pay them honor is due entirely to the men themselves and to their selfless dedication to their tasks." Mr. Cuite, read congratulatory messages from Pope John XXIII, President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, Governor Rockefeller, Mayor Wagner, Senator Keating and Senator Javitz.

Reverend Richard A. Walsh, Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elmont, Long Island, represented His Excellency the Most Reverend Walter P. Kellenberg, Bishop of Rockville Centre. Father Walsh expressed the congratulations of Bishop Kellenberg and wished the Brothers continued success in their efforts throughout Brooklyn and Long Island.

Mr. Wilson traced carefully the growth of the Franciscan Community from its beginning in Brooklyn in 1858 till the present day. In looking back over the years Mr. Wilson remined his audience that the Brothers who came to Brooklyn from Ireland at the behest of Bishop Loughlin brought with them the traditions and strength of the great Franciscan family: "It would be", said the Lieutenant Governor, "impossible to speak of the Franciscan Brothers without commenting on their founder, the singing St. Francis who led an army of souls singing the Glories of God." By referring to the hedgemaster of Ireland Mr. Wilson emphasized the importance of the teacher — "The Franciscan Brothers in their teaching," he went on, "have brought to the community the zeal of dedicated men."

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Charles R. Mulrooney expressed the felicitation of Bishop McEntegart and thanked the Brothers for the contributions they made as educators. Bishop Mulrooney asked the guests to encourage vocations to the Brotherhood.

In thanking the friends of the Franciscan Brothers, the Very Reverend Brother Bertrand, O.S.F., Superior General, reminded the group that the Brothers' accomplishments were due to help provided by Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay people. He especially thanked the parents of the Brothers for permitting and giving their sons to the life of the Franciscan Brothers. Stressing specifically the dependence of the Brothers on the help of God and His Mother Mary, Brother Bertrand asked prayers of guests for the welfare of the Community in the years to come.



Bishop Charles R. Mulrooney, D.D., addresses guests at Centennial Dinner.

Military Band Steps Forward

Once again, the Military Band has had a very active season. The Band marched on the morning of May 1st to commemorate the opening of the Greenpoint Babe Ruth League. They then returned to school, were given a small repast, and then journeyed to West Islip for the dedication of Good Samaritan Hospital.

The Band, as has been the custom in the past, marched from the Church to the St. George Hotel May 10th for the annual Father and Son Communion Breakfast.

On May 30th, the members of the Band represented St. Joseph's grammar school in Babylon in a Memorial Day Celebration.

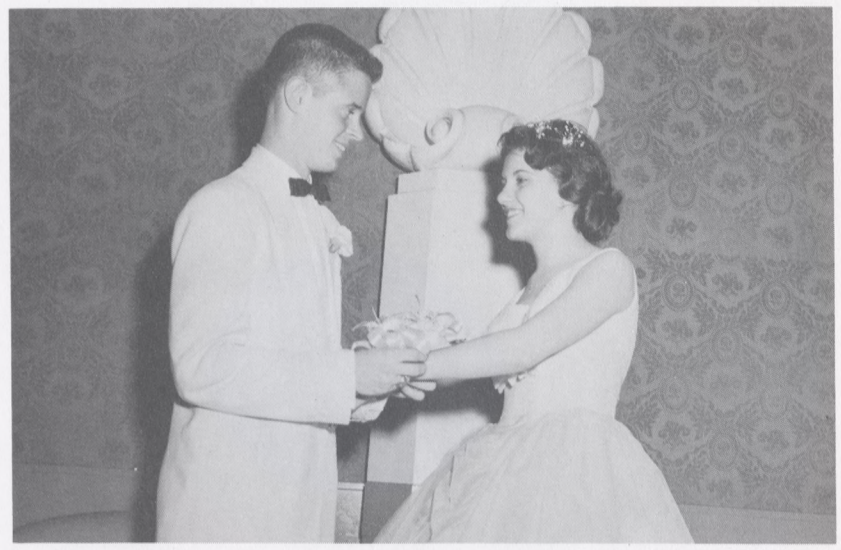
Under the excellent coaching of Brother Beckett and Mr. Vivona, the Military Band achieved excellent results from their efforts.

Meanwhile, the Glee Club has also been very busy. The Select Group of the glee club was entered in a C.Y.O. contest and placed first. They also sang at the Franciscan Brothers' Centennial Dinner at the Hotel St. George. On Friday, May 8th, the Select Group sang at the "Salute to Youth Day" at City Hall. In addition, they gave a small rendition at the Father and Son Communion Breakfast.

Thomas Gerald, a member of the Select Group and also a pianist, entered the C.Y.O. Musical contest and placed third in the finals.

The entire Music Department gave a concert on Thursday, May 7th, for the Religious of the diocese.

To climax the year's musical activities, a dance has been planned for the musicians and their parents.



Tom Napier, Editor of Seraph, places wrist corsage on his date, Marion Franzese, at Senior Prom.

Senior Prom Culminates Graduates' Social Year

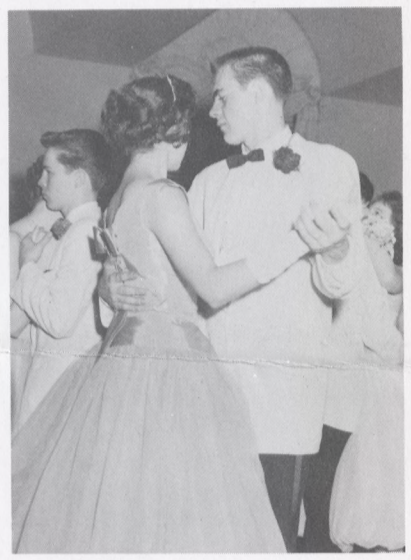
Friday evening, May 22, found many seniors and their dates making their way to the Hotel St. George in downtown Brooklyn to attend their Senior Prom.

The realization of the feeling, 'it's really great to be a senior' was sensed as each one began the unforgettable evening. Unaware to many seniors was that there had been much behind the scenes preparation for this Prom on the part of the committee and Mr. Maddaloni, the Prom Moderator.

As in the past, the "Class of '59" had its Prom on the St. George's roof. The management promised the Prep choice accommodations and the best of service. The bid for the gala celebration was $7.50 and included the traditional gold-embossed card with the Terrier. Tuxedos for the evening were provided by Mr. Malfetano for the nominal fee of $6. Highlighted along this line was the ever-popular Wallace Plaid cumber-bund and tie.

A photographer was present at the Prom to take pictures for the fee of $1.00. This convenience saved everyone a considerable amount as outside photographers would have cost much more.

The event was concluded with the Grand Promenade and each Senior presented his guest to Brother Timothy, Mr. Maddaloni, and the faculty.



Charlie Harris dances into outer space with Rosaline Aversano at Senior Prom.

Prepsters Sail to Rye Beach Aboard Steamer Stuyvesant

The steamer Peter Stuyvesant weighed anchor and set sail up East River for Rye Beach last Thursday. On board were over one thousand Prepsters. A more than equal amount of girls from Dominican Commercial accompanied them.

The ship docked at approximately eleven-thirty and poured out its cargo. Lunch baskets, radios, and bathing suits as well as softball equipment tracked up the seemingly endless ramp to the historic playland. The ever alert faculty kept pace with the younger generation.

Nature received its full of the students and at four-thirty, according to Captain's orders, the merry group trotted back to the ship. The Stuyvesant shoved off and continued its twilight journey on the Hudson at five-fifteen.

The annual boatride culminated as the big excursioner tied up at Pier 81 and newly found and well tanned friends once more touched dry land and headed for home.

Dave Armstrong, Hank Kanuika and Jim Jones soak up sun on the way to Rye Beach.

(I. to r.) Gene DiFiore and Phil Fitzpatrick receive final touch-up before curtain call.

Brother Orchid Is Smashing Success

The Dramatic Club, recently dubbed the "Alvernians", presented its first dramatic play under the careful eyes of its versatile coach and moderator, Mr. Edward Rafferty. It was presented on the nights of May 2nd and 3rd at St. Anthony's Playhouse in Greenpoint.

The play was Leo Bardy's "Brother Orchid". It is the story of a gangster turned saint, who finds a vocation in a Monastery.

The play starred Martin Neville, Thomas Walsh, Richard De Benedetto and Eugene Di Fiore. The Alvernians worked on the play for over two months, building sets, painting the stage props and learning make-up techniques.

"Brother Orchid" was well interpreted by the players and warmly received by the audience. The student body is looking forward to the Alvernians' next presentation with great interest and enthusiasm.

Debating Team Baffles Foes

The Duns Scotus Debating Society has been revived at St. Francis. Under the direction of Mr. John Monaghan, the Debating team has had much success.

In its initial stages, the debators had difficulty coordinating its efforts, but with a little experience they soon developed into top notchers. The team did not begin to practice and debate until after the mid-year exams. To add to this handicap, all the members are either freshmen or sophomores while they have been competing on a varsity level.

After a few practice debates with St. John's, Brooklyn Prep, Xaverian and St. Agnes High School, the team entered the Brooklyn Prep tournament against the best varsity teams in the city. The team consisted of: for the affirmative — Ted Bajo and Robert Cresci; for the negative — John Walsh and Jerry Ryan. The team performed a major upset by winning four out of six debates placing them fourth in the tournament. St. Francis received further recognition by having two of its members, John Walsh and Ted Bajo, selected to travel to Washington, D. C. late in May to debate in the National tournament.

Have Rifle WillTravel

Brother Gerald's band of sharpshooters have made their presence felt in national competition as well as in local matches. They have gained 40 wins in the "Postal Matches" sponsored by the Federal Government. One of the more pleasing victories was their win over Chaminade.

The Department of War awarded a medal to Richard Randall (302) in recognition of his fine shooting. Also, many students qualified for "Marksman" in the War Department competition. They were: Mullay, Russo, Randall, Redmond, Sekoryak, Suroviec, Scalia and Richardson.

Brother Gerald plans on carrying about thirty members next year and the team looks forward to bigger and better things from the "Have Rifle Will Travel" squad.

P.B.S. Hosts Fishing Trip

The Powerboat Squadron conducted a fishing trip for class 104. The members of 104 who were present were: John Walker, Vincent Scutaro, Louis Labrinto, Joseph Daly, Robert DeNardo, Richard Muller, Robert Crago, Wilfred Maloney, Richard Alleyne, Thomas Bajo, Michael Bajo and Michael Satriano.

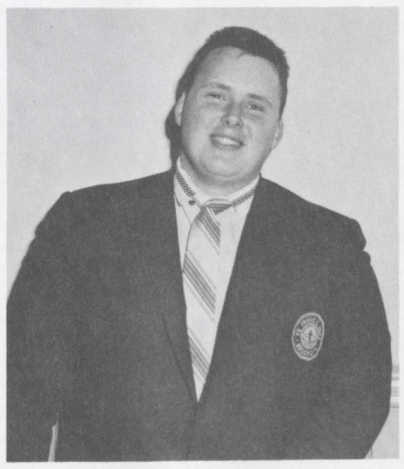
Some members of the Squad acting under the direction of Brother Louis operated the boat as they moved from one spot to another in search of the big fish. Mr. Lopatynski came along with the group and was very helpful in showing the boys how to bait their hooks and how to remove the hook from the mouths of big fish without losing a finger or two.

After four hours of fishing, the boys counted among their catch a large number of flounders, hundreds of seaperch, a couple of black fish and an eel. Several starfish which were caught were donated to the Biology lab for future research.

PREP PROWLER

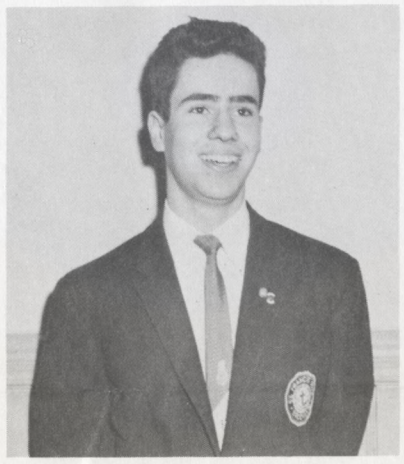
by Ronald Petrocelli

QUESTION: What do you feel has been the most important event in your high school career?



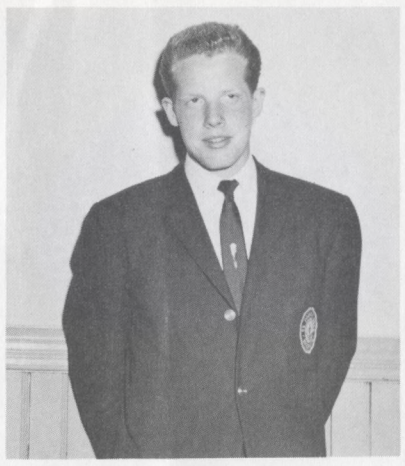
JIM COHEN — 402

My most memorable occasion was my first football rally.



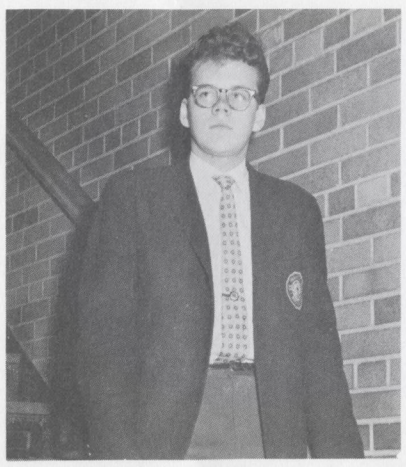
BOB MATARAZZA — 405

I think Graduation Day is the most important.



PETE NULTY — 404

I feel that the Senior retreat was the most important event.



PETE ZIRNIS — 405

I believe that the Senior Prom is an event that will always be remembered.

Marian Essay Medal Awarded To Morrow

The following essay, written by Thomas Morrow of class 404, achieved first honors in the "Reverend George Herget Marian Essay Contest", sponsored by St. Francis Preparatory School under the direction of Father George Holzheimer.

MARY MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES

by Thomas Morrow

"Mary Mediatrix of all graces" is an accepted belief at the present time. Many religious orders wish to see this doctrine made a dogma. Among these orders is numbered that of the Franciscans. A mediatrix is the female counterpart of a mediator, or one who stands mid-way to unite two groups. Mary does this in being the intercessor between God and the Mystical Body.

This teaching was deduced from the scriptures and since it is not declared as a dogma of faith, it may or may not be believed depending on the devotion of the individual to Mary.

"She hath opened her hand to the needy and she hath stretched out her hands to the Poor." (Prov. 31., 29) In the spiritual sense we may take the "needy" and the "poor" as sinners and the aid she is giving them is in the form of grace. The flow of sanctifying grace through Mary has been compared to the cycle of original sin. The sin of disobedience was committed by Eve, consummated by Adam and in turn transmitted through Eve. In the supernatural cycle, which counterbalanced the cycle of sin, the order of redemption is begun by Mary, consummated by Jesus and transmitted through Mary.

There are many theories advanced which substantiate Mary's title as mediatrix of all graces. St. Bernadine of Siena had this to say: "From the moment she conceived the Word of God in her womb she obtained a certain jurisdiction, a sort of authority over every temporal possession of the Holy Spirit, to such an extent that we receive the grace of God through Mary."

Three Popes have made statements to the effect that Mary is the mediatrix of all graces. Pope Leo XIII, in 1891 declared that "By reason of her consent to divine Motherhood, we may with equal justice assert that out of the great treasury of all graces which the Lord has brought to us through this Mystery, nothing whatever is bestowed upon us except through Mary." Pius XI says, "She is the most powerful mediatrix." Pius X declares: "Mary is the heavenly channel through which all graces descend to earth." Pope Pius XI went a little further in appointing a commission to investigate the facts concerning the doctrine. On January 12, 1921, through the implorings of Cardinal Mercier, Pope Benedict XV set aside May 31 as the day for the Mass of Mary-Mediatrix of all Graces.

It is piously said that if a sinner is in the depths of sin and has not the grace to repent, if he just repeats an "Ave" he will be rewarded with the grace of repentance. Devotion to Mary's scapular brings the promise of her grace at the hour of death. There is a story about the Cure of Ars who upon noticing the expression of sorrow on the face of a woman whose husband had just died on the gibbet, whispered to her "He is saved." The reason the Cure gave for his confidence was that he had seen the husband with his wife honoring Mary at May devotions.

"Mystic Neck of the Church" is the expressive title given to Mary by Saints and Doctors of the Church, since all grace flows through her, from the "Head" to us. One proof of this might be that Mary's influence extends to every glance by the very fact that she is the Mother of God — the Author of Grace, and thus the Mother of all grace without exception. Hence Mary even intervenes when we pray to some other saint. According to the doctrine of Mary-Mediatrix of all Grace, the flow of grace stems from God who communicates the grace to Christ; from Christ it passes to the Blessed Virgin; from her hands it comes to us. Whether this doctrine will become dogma is a question which might be settled in the near future. Our continued devotion to her under this acceptable title may hasten that day.

Thomas Morrow accepts Marian Essay Medal and congratulations from Brother Timothy, O.S.F.

Ray Nash accepts the Al Powers Memorial Trophy from Brother Bertrand, O.S.F., Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers. Brother Timothy, O.S.F., looks on.

Nash, LeFever Honored At Communion Breakfast

CITATION OF RAYMOND PETER NASH
1959 WINNER OF
THE ALFRED F. POWERS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Having carefully and thoughtfully considered the qualifications of several eligible candidates, the Athletic Control Board of Saint Francis Preparatory School hereby names *Raymond Peter Nash* of the Class of June 1959 as the recipient of the Alfred F. Powers Memorial Trophy. This award is made annually at the Father-Son Communion Breakfast to the student determined by the Board to be the outstanding athlete of the year.

Raymond Nash has been deemed worthy of this, the highest honor given to a Saint Francis Prep athlete, by virtue of the fact that he has fulfilled the following qualifications: he is a senior; he has maintained an average of more that 85% in his studies and has had exemplary attendance in school and at Prep affairs. In addition, he has participated in a wide variety of activities. He has been a member of the basketball and baseball teams for four years, the last two years on the varsity level. He has been the recipient of the major award in both basketball and baseball. During all four years he has participated in the intramural sports program, often contributing his services in the role of an official. His qualities of leadership were recognized by his fellow students who elected him class officer on several occasions and Vice President of the Student Council in his senior year. His ability as a leader was also recognized by his teammates in basketball who selected him captain in his freshman and senior years. An awareness of social responsibility led him to join the rally and dance committees. He has also given freely of his time as a member of the Senior Prom Committee. He has been an active member of the cafeteria squad. He has, moreover, displayed the characteristics of a Franciscan gentleman on and off the playing field. His attitude in and out of the classroom has been a fine example for younger boys to imitate. At all times, he has exhibited a spirit of cooperation and sportsmanship.

Accordingly, Raymond Nash is considered to possess an unimpeachable reputation among the innumerable young men competing in Prep sports. If athletics can be regarded as one of the best forms of character building, surely this recipient of the Al Powers Trophy bears testimony to the fact. He is, indeed, a credit to his parents and is deserving of the esteem and admiration of his fellow Prepsters.

James P. Kiley
Memorial Trophy

In memory of the late James P. Kiley, Jr., the Fathers' Guild has inaugurated an annual award for excellence in music. The award is based on the following considerations: Integrity, Reliability, Knowledge of the field of Music, Willingness to cooperate, attendance, deportment, outstanding performances and the number of muscial activities engaged in.

Having received the serious consideration of the several moderators and instructors of the music department of St. Francis Prep, *Charles Le Fever* is this year's recipient of the James P. Kiley Memorial Trophy.

Third Order Has N. Y. Convention

Recently, The Third Order members of St. Francis took active part in the first Provincial Convention, sponsored by the Capuchin Franciscan Tertiary Province of St. Mary, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in New York. The theme of the Convention was "The Franciscan Tertiary Challenge." Father Sigmund Hafemann, O.F.M., Cap., Provincial Commissary and former Director of the Third Order at the Prep, was General Chairman.

The Prepsters who attended were: Robert Sheehan, Prefect; Vincent Chiarelli, Vice Prefect; and Thomas Murphy, Recording Secretary. Robert Sheehan was a voting delegate while Vinny Chiarelli and Tom Murphy were consulting delegates. An excellent talk was delivered by Mr. Monaghan of St. Francis Prep to the youth groups on the "Practical Applications of the Tertiary Spiritual Program of the Third Order to One's State in Life."

Saturday evening presented a social evening to help introduce the different Fraternities throughout the Middle Atlantic and New England States.

The Convention was climaxed on Sunday with a tremendous Communion breakfast attended by over a thousand people. The Most Rev. Joseph P. Denning and the Most Rev. Joseph Pernicone, Auxiliary Bishop of N. Y., honored the gathering by their attendance. Pope John XXIII, a Third Order member, also extended his Apostolic Blessing.

Joe Fiore, Frank Accettulli and Andy Grieco chat with their lovely dates at Junior Prom.

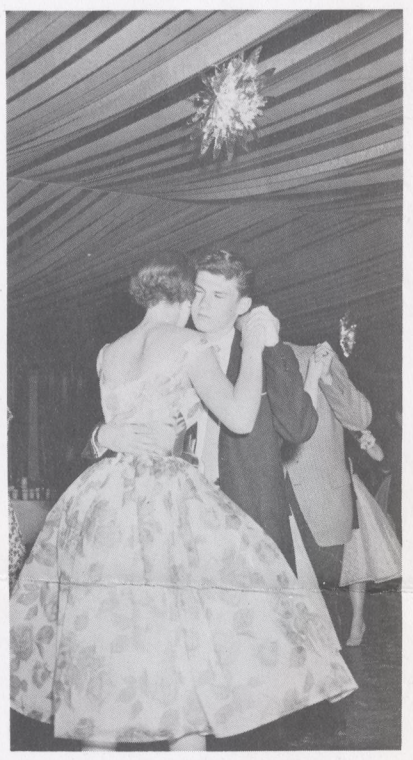
Juniors Swing at Prom

Over one hundred Juniors and their dates attended the sixth annual Junior Promenade at the exquisitely decorated Prep gym, Saturday evening, May 10.

The Red Sands Quintet band supplied the beat while the Prom committee supplied the ham, roastbeef, turkey and cokes. Every Prepster date was presented with a toy terrier in school colors.

The memorable night began at 9 P.M. and under the capable direction of the moderator, Brother Mario, O.S.F., the Juniors introduced their girls to Brothers Timothy and Robert. Following tradition, the Seniors, who were members of last year's Junior Prom Committee, helped in the decoration and the cleaning of the gym.

The Centenary Committee consisted of Bill Ficke, Chairman, Frank Accettulli, Tony De Santis, Frank Cama, Tony Videtto and Dan Esposito. Many over industrious fellows from the Junior year assisted them in making this affair a great success.



Hanson dances dreamily on his memorable evening.

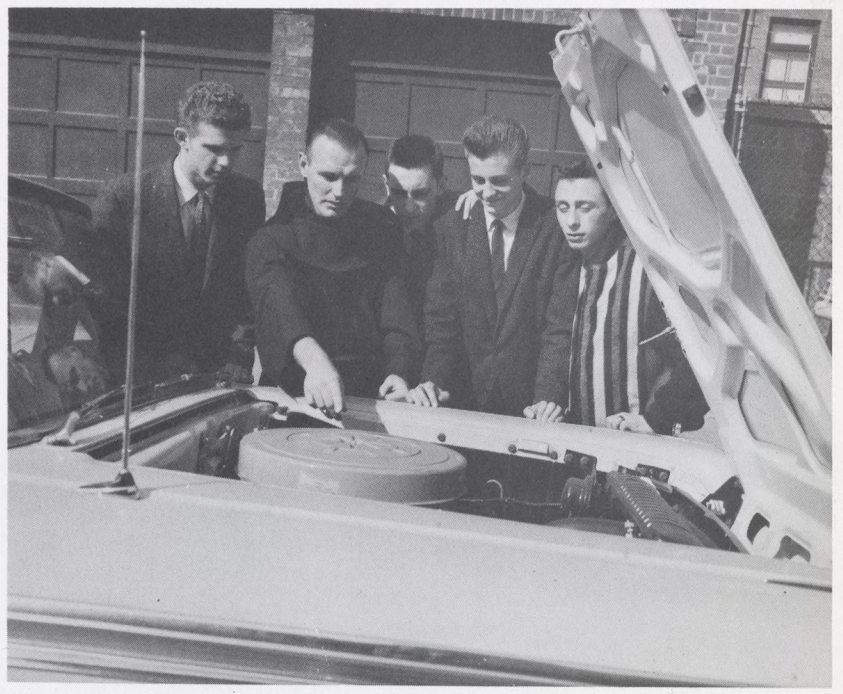
Driver Education Program Cruises Into Third Year

Each year St. Francis Prep affords its students the opportunity to obtain a senior operator's license without any restrictions. The Prep is one of the few catholic high schools that affords the students a Driver Education course.

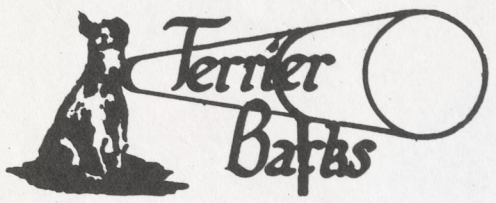
Drivers Ed. consists of seventy-two hours of instruction, forty-five of which are in the classroom and twenty-seven on the road. The student learns the traffic rules, takes various written tests and theoretical exams which help him appreciate the obligations which he assumes upon receiving a license. The boys are then taken on the highways and byways through many different conditions which will prepare them to be A no. 1 drivers.

Brothers Regis and Cabrini moderate this fine course. The students practice on the latest make cars. Since its origin, every year a new Ford is donated for the student use by the J. J. Hart Ford Car Dealers of Bedford Ave., Brooklyn.

The students who are completing the course this year are Messers. Caccamo, B. Blenk, De Nunzio, Schudde and Strasser.



Brother Regis, O.S.F., explains to (l. to r.) Bill Blenk, Tony DeNunzio, Frank Strasser and Bob Caccamo the workings of an oil filter.



by Michael Marco

You can remember when you sat in your favorite hangout at the end of the summer and heard "It's all over; back to school again." Well, it's all over but we're in reverse. All that's left are those lovely exams and then, either the surf or summer school.

We will all sit around on a nice warm day and recall some of the highlights of the season. Somebody might recall the first televised football game with the Mount, in which Bob Boeri scored the winning touchdown. Someone will bring up the undefeated swimming team and their winning of the Nationals. Also, I am sure, that the Track Championship in the Garden will be discussed. I know that the topic of how the Varsity Baseball team won the championship (I hope) will be thoroughly analysed. But in this conversation you be the one who brings up the point of the excellent student support given to the teams. I know you heard around that the student support was for the birds but as soon as this legend would break we would have fourteen busloads of Prepsters going to a football game or we would fill up one of the sections of Madison Square Garden with the cheering of the students resounding throughout the Garden. I think these displays were done on spite, just to show everyone that the old rah rah wasn't dead and I think you convinced them one hundred percent. As a member of the football and track teams and speaking for them, I would like to thank the student body for their support all through the year. We really appreciated it. The fellows on the team can tell you how it is to run out on the field and see about half the side of the field filled with the Prepsters or to go to a starting line and to look up and hear the school song, knowing that every guy is behind you all the way. To the Seniors, take with you the spirit here at the Prep and keep it with you no matter what field you enter and you will always be on top. Remember, you spent four years at the one and only "Prep." If you are a good athlete, St. Francis made you that athlete and if you are a good student here is where you attained it. The future holds many treasures for us and the Prep was the key that opened the first door. Carry that idea with you and you'll never go wrong.

Penn Relays — Five of us left Thursday afternoon for Penn to enable us to get there early and to get comfortably situated in a hotel for Friday. We had to win the two mile relay. Friday was a beautiful day — perfect running weather. Mr. McHugh announced that Al Wittine, George Lippemeier, Steve Morris and myself would be running. Manhattan Aviation, the team that beat us in the Queens-Iona Relay Carnival continued to dominate this event and won once more in a record time of 8:00.7. We placed second in a record time of 8:02.3 and the third place team, Brooklyn Prep, was also under the old record. It was a tough one to lose and the only consolation we had is that we did break the record. Friday, the rest of the team arrived and everyone was set for Saturday. Saturday was another beautiful day and first event was the Distance Medley, which we had a good chance of winning. The team was composed of Jimmy Sammon, Thomas Johnson, Steve Morris, and George Lippemeier. This was another tough one, with the team taking third. But a third in the Penn Relays is probably the biggest anyone will ever achieve. Later in the afternoon a class mile relay of O'Grady, Weber, Corrittori and Dunphy took a second. It was a very big second which all were very happy to get. That night we got a big dinner and departed for home.

The baseball team finished the season in a blaze of glory by winning the Brooklyn-Long Island Championship by beating Trinity 5-2. The baseball team had to win one more game to clinch the championship. On May 25 Henning made his second start and got his second win. Henning was backed up by the fine hitting of Pete Callahan (3 hits) and Bob Bruns (2 hits). To start the game off the first six hitters got on base scoring four runs. This is the first time in 14 years that the team won the Brooklyn-Long Island Championship. The next step is the City Championship; we hope the first one to come to us since 1942. Congratulations team and let's win that City Championship.

Thanks! — I would like to thank Brother Brendan for giving me the opportunity of writing this column. He went through a lot trying to translate my writing and waiting for me to turn in my column, which was usually late. Thanks, Brother, for everything.

Thanks, Again! — This time to Tom Napier for his assistance, Lenny Gaynor and Sal Georgiano for the "odds and ends" they picked up. To Tom Hall for giving me someone to mock. All joking aside, I would like to close this column by stating that Tom is a really great guy and we all wish him luck. With his face he is going to need it.

GOOD-BYE

Michael J. Marco

Goon Grads

Cartoons by Marty Neville

Alfred Portly

Cafeteria Squad 1, 2, 3, 4; Gourmet Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Food Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Refreshment Committee 1, 2, 3, 4, Chairman.

Kurt Sneer

Jug 1, 2, 3, 4; Rifle Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Gambling 3, 4; Knife Throwing 2, 3.

Algernon Zacharian Uxbridge CVIII

Rules Committee 1; K.K.K. 3, 4; Horseshoe Pitching 2, 3; Shelley Appreciation Club 2, 3, 4; Polo 1, 2.

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Strictly Senior

by Philbert and the Flea

All bad things have to end some time so cheer up and rejoice as you poison your mind with the trash printed in this final Strictly Senior column. As for us, we're weeping over our typewriters because we have to say goodbye, but also because we're afraid we won't pass the final exams. Before leaving we wish to record for posterity our impressions of some well known seniors.

Mike Agnes.....World's worst firstbaseman
Davey Armstrong.....Most ranked Senior
Ray Nash.....Most likely to become a politician
Vin Chiarelli.....World's champion smiler
Louis Offito.....Most kissable Senior
Chuck LeFever.....Best dancer
Martin Neville.....Most likely to become a beatnik
Ed McCullough.....Senior with best chance of staying a bachelor
Pete England.....Senior with least chance of staying a bachelor
Bill Murphy.....Most Ivy League Senior
"Baby" Jim Cohen.....Just plain biggest
Philbert and the Flea.....Biggest phonies in school

Contrary to established custom we are not going to reveal the identity of the idiots responsible for this column. No, we are not going to tell you that Marty Hamburger, Tom Murphy, Gene Di Fiore and Bob Fabbricators have been hiding behind the ridiculous pseudonym of Philbert and the Flea.

ODDS AND ENDS:

Brother Noel is attending Vic Tanny's Health Studio . . . Who makes out those beautiful library notices . . . Ray Nash has a job for the summer making basketballs . . . All the students who goofed on their term paper are required by Brother Michael to take a Kamakazzi Course . . . Said Chuck LeFever when receiving Music award at Communion Breakfast: "I've never been so emulsified in all my life!" . . . Mr. Vivona had not too many kind words about his concert tuxedo: "Like man I wouldn't even be buried in this thing" . . . Afternoon dances were pretty good this year. Attendance was up despite the fact that Loughlin had some of their dances on the same day as ours — just goes to show that girls in Brooklyn know where the fun is.

AWARDS:

This seems to be the season for award giving. In addition to the Pulitzer prizes, Oscars and Emmies, we are giving a few awards of our own.

The Al Powers award for handball to JOHN MAZZORANA, a staunch supporter of the rights of handball players in modern society.

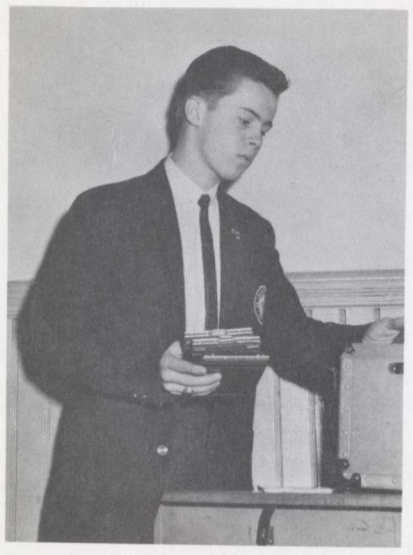
A golden Clyde award presented posthumously to MELVIN COWZNOWFSKI who is the first man in history to dive from the Eiffel Tower into a wet tea bag.

Well, enough of this trash. It's time we got serious and said thanks to all the Brothers and teachers and especially to Brother Timothy. Even though we Seniors are looking forward to things to come we can't help thinking that four years at St. Francis was a mighty short but tremendously enjoyable and important time in our lives.

Haa . . . excuse me Brother but these musicians say they were invited to play here!?

PREP PROFILES . . . *introducing*

by Ronald Petrocelli



Bob Fabbricatore

ROBERT FABBRICATORE — 401

This 5'7", 135 lb. senior travels to the Prep from Holy Cross Parish in Flatbush. Bob has been an active member of the Seraph, Rifle Team and Dance Committee. He plans to attend St. Francis College in September. As for the girls all Bob can say is "Carol."

George Sehn

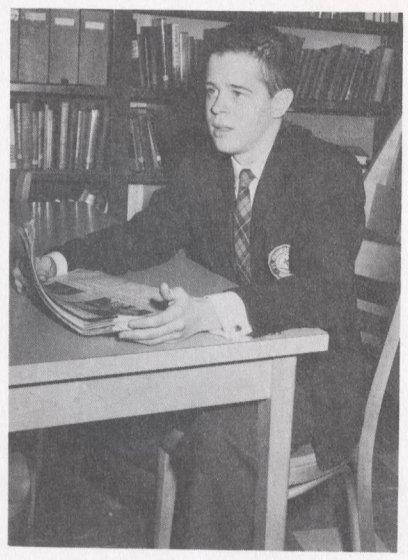
GEORGE J. SEHN—405

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Jackson Heights sends us this active Senior. George has been a member of the Power Boat Squadron, the Optimates Society and the Math Club. On Saturday's, George attends Columbia U. for Science courses. On the other days of the week he attends St. Francis College for German. George plans to attend M.I.T. for Electrical Engineering. When free, George frantically flips over the fascination of Fran.

Tom Napier

TOM NAPIER—402

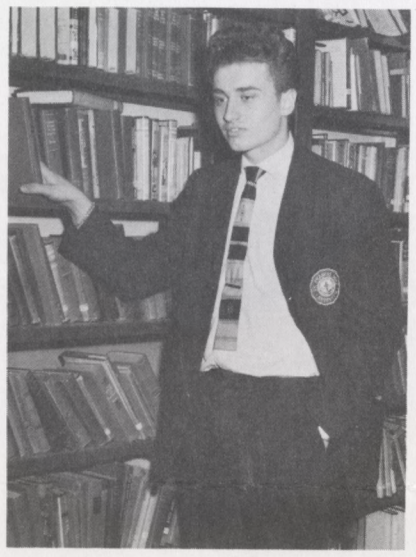
Tom, the Editor-in-Chief of the *Seraph*, comes to us from Holy Innocents Parish in Flatbush. Tom has been on the Optimates Society and has been a member of the Track Team. He plans to attend St. Francis College to major in Chemistry. Next time you see him ask him to tell you all about—*Marion!*

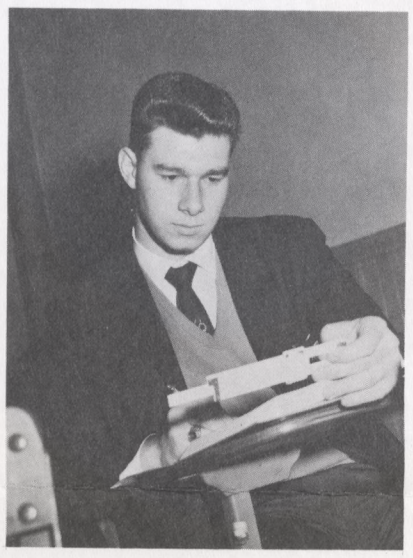


John Mazzorana

JOHN A. MAZZORANA—401

Queen of All Saints Parish in Brooklyn sends us this 5' 11", 170 lb. Senior. John is a member of the Y.C.S., the Handball team and is on the Afternoon Dance Committee. He is also on the Senior Prom Committee. John used to be a Cheerleader and was on the Rally Committee. He plans to attend St. Francis College. Of the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, John likes "Faith" best.



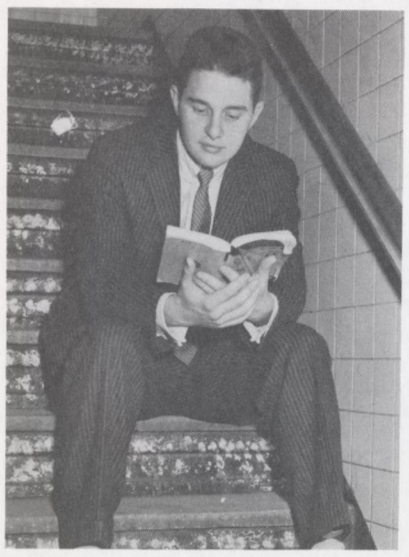


Ronald Petrocelli

RONALD PETROCELLI — 405

From Help of Christians parish in Brooklyn comes this 6', 180 lb. senior. Ron has been a member of the Seraph, Glee Club and Dance Committee. In the fall Ron plans to attend St. Bonaventure U. When he is not singing for the Glee Club he can be heard singing to Camille.

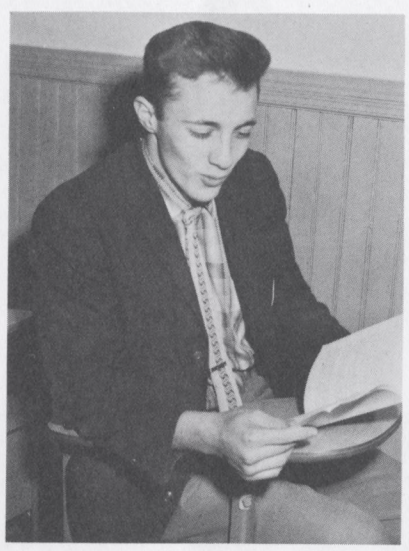
Vaya Con Dios! June, '59



William Downey

WILLIAM DOWNEY—403

Bill, the track man, comes to us from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Brooklyn. This 5' 11", 175 lb. senior is a member of the Varsity football team as well as the Tennis team. Bill is a member of the Optimates Society and is on the San Fran staff. He will attend C.C.N.Y. to Major in Chemistry. On his time off Bill mixes it up with Joan.



Philip Simeone

PHILIP SIMEONE—404

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish sends us this 6' 2", 190 lb. Senior. Phil is the head of the Photo Club and captain of the Bowling Team. He is also on the Handball Team and the Cafeteria Squad. He was also on the Tennis Team, the Glee Club and the Y.C.S. (Phil plans to enter the Franciscan Brothers Novitiate.) Phil is going with Rosemarie—to the Prom that is!

Martin Neville

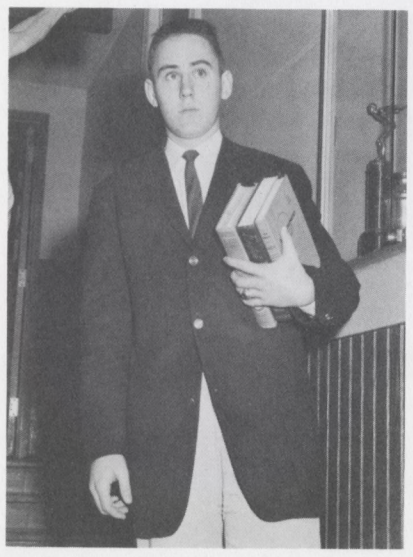
MARTIN J. NEVILLE—404

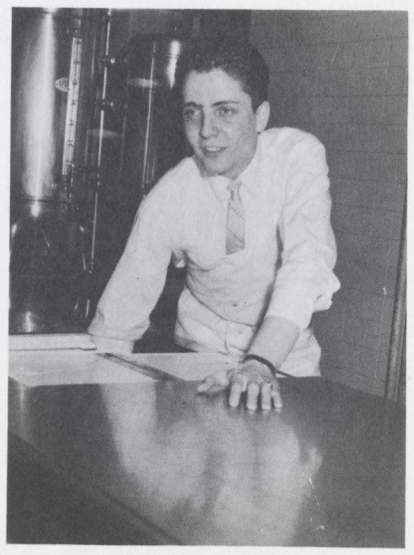
St. Matthias Parish in Ridgewood didn't realize what they were giving up when they gave us Marty. He is Co-Editor of the Little Portion and Art Editor of the San Fran as well as being a cartoonist for the Seraph. Marty is also on the Drama Club and the Afternoon Dance Committee. He stands 5' 11" and weighs 165. He plans to attend Fordham to major in English. But with all his literary accomplishments, Marty does flips when Mary Ann is mentioned.

Thomas Prendergast

THOMAS J. PRENDERGAST —403

Ressurrection Parish in Queens gives us the 5' 11", 165 lb., Chairman of the Senior Prom Committee. Tom is a member of the Afternoon Dance Committee as well as the Evening Dance Committee. Tom is a member of the school's Cafeteria Squad. He plans to attend Missouri State and major in English. He loves to dance with Arlene.





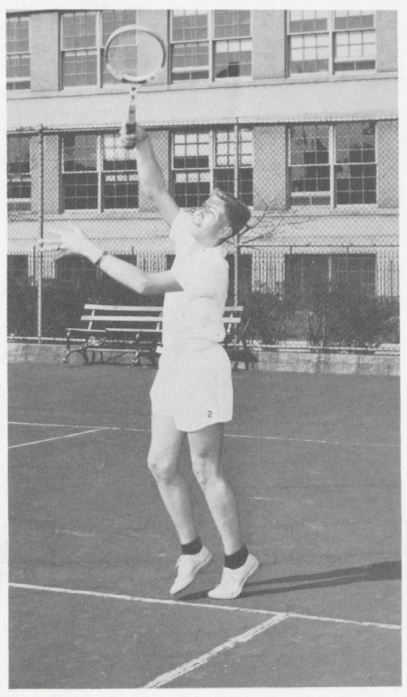
Vincent Chiarelli

VINCENT CHIARELLI—401

Vinny is on a lend-lease program from St. Edmund's Parish in Brooklyn. Vinny is a member of the Flying and Stamp Clubs. He is also a member of the San Fran, Cafeteria Squad and the Third Order. He plans to attend Poly Technical Institute and pursue a career in civil engineering. He likes all the girls.

Tennis Team Starts Slow

The tennis team, still in its embryonic stage, has been consistently displaying progress with the advent of every new match. Thus far, the varsity has been unsuccessful in its first three matches. In the battle with Loyola, hard hitting John Holzapfel and Ron D'Amura romped over their opponents. However, their efforts were in vain as Loyola emerged victorious with a score of 5 to 1. In its next match with Xavier, the Prepsters went down in total defeat by a score of 5 to 1. Although the varsity lost the following match against All Hallows, the team displayed a decided improvement and once again the backbone of the team was Ron D'Amura and John Holzapfel, who emerged individual victors.



Charlie Hansen smashes serve.

Besides being entered in the Private Schools and C.H.S.A.A. Leagues, the members will enter the rugged individual competition in the Private Schools and the Fordham Tournaments. The experience that the players will gain in these two events will undoubtedly aid the tennis squad.

The varsity squad is composed of the following students: Charlie Hansen, Ron D'Amura, John Holzapfel, Pete Swist, Lou Centorcelli, Bill Halpin, Gerry Murphy and Phil Wierzbiki. It is under the competent moderator and coach, Brother Edwin, O.S.F.

BOB BRUNS FETED AT DINNER

On May 20th the New York Metropolitan Officials Association presented two awards at a dinner attended by coaches and moderators of schools throughout the city.

An award was given to the outstanding hitter and pitcher in the city. *Bob Bruns,* talented varsity ace, received the pitching award. Only a sophomore, Bob has maintained an unblemished record this season and leads the league in strikeouts and shutouts. In his two years on the varsity he has won 14 games without suffering a single loss.

Bob Bruns received a watch in recognition of his achievement.

Mr. Booras displays Catholic High School Swimming Association award.

Mr. Booras Cited as Top Coach in City

Mr. Tom Booras, renowned swimming Coach of St. Francis, has once again received recognition for his manifold accomplishments. The Annual Catholic High School Athletic Association Swimming Award was presented to Mr. Booras by the Rev. Matthew V. Peters, the President of the C.H.S.A.A.

This award is an original sculpture by Joe Browne, professor of Sculpture at Princeton University. The award was donated by Bruce Hopping. The Sculpture will be retained by Mr. Booras for a year until the next recipient is chosen.

However, a permanent scroll commemorating the event was also given to the Prep's distinguished Coach. This scroll enumerates the criteria which are used to choose the recipient, viz. This award will be given yearly — "To the individual or organization, who, through competitive performance, Educational or Instructional Achievement, writing or development of original material, or by a continuing unselfish effort to establish swimming facilities has made the most outstanding contribution during the 1958-1959 season to the Swimming League of the Catholic High School Athletic Association."

Father Peters, in his speech of presentation, quoted from the various letters which nominated Mr. Booras. The following are excerpts from his speech. "Mr. Booras has brought honor and prestige to our C.H.S.A.A. in many ways.

a. At the National Catholic High School Swimming Championships he was chosen as Coach of the Year;

b. He coached his team so well that they brought the National Catholic High School Swimming Championship Trophy back to New York;

c. His team won first place in the Dual Meet Championships in New York;

d. He is a member of the Games Committee and has made himself easily available to settle disputes in the League;

e. He has been coaching swimming at St. Francis for the last twenty-seven years, and I can think of no one who has compiled a longer tenure of office or who has produced more top notch swimmers over such a long period of time;

f. He has been most gracious, cooperative and efficient in the operation of the freshmen champions and varsity swim-offs during the current season;

g. He has unerringly shown himself to be a Christian gentleman at all times and in all circumstances; and

h. He has coached the St. Francis teams to the following championships during the 1958-'59 season:

1. Freshman
2. Varsity Dual Meet
3. National Championships

Congratulations to a great Coach for a magnificent job."

All-Met Selections

John Langton and Tom Blenk talk over their selection to All Metropolitan Swimming Team. Langton was selected as a member of the 220 yard relay team while Tom Blenk was chosen for the 200 yard medley relay team.

Tracksters Garner Eastern Crown

Sunday, April 19th, marked the day the St. Francis Prep Terriers gained revenge on their arch-rival, Bishop Loughlin H. S., in the 2nd Annual All Hallows Eastern Catholic Championship held at Downing Stadium, Randall's Island. The Red and Blue piled up a total of 36½ points to Loughlin's 30 and marked the first time that the team had beaten Loughlin since the beginning of the indoor season.

Mike Lesniak scored five points in the field events when he threw the dscuss 125' for a second place and garnered fifth place in the shot put with his 50'9¼" performance. Frank Weber kept the ball rolling when he grabbed a second place in the broad jump with a 21'1¼" leap and then came back to take third place in the 120 yard high hurdles with a :15.7 clocking.

Tom Johnson then came through in the quarter mile run when he scored five points by virtue of his :51.5 victory. Taking Tom's hint Steve Morris unleashed a furious sprint finish to once again bring Prep's colors across the line first in the half mile run in a fine time of 1:59.2. Another point was added to the score when Tom Armstead finished ffith in the 220 yard dash in a fast field. The mile run saw two Prepsters getting in the scoring when George Lippemeier took third place in 4:29.9 and Al Wittine came on fast to snare fifth place in 4:33.9.

Two Prep relay teams came through with fifth place showings in their respective distances. The mile relay team of Frank Rampino, Bill McGuinness, Pete Corritori and Jim Dunphy hit the fast time of 3:28.8 and the two mile relay foursome of Bill Szablewicz, Bill Dunn, Frank Rossano and Joe Salerno also came through with the good time of 8:28. A sophomore sprint medley team of Kevin O'Grady (:52.7), Dave Brennan (:23.2), Bill Honan (:24.8) and Sal Crispi (2:04.1) combined for a second place and the last four points for the Terrier victory.

Queens-Iona Relay Carnival

On April 17th and 18th the Prepsters competed in the two day Queens-Iona Relay Carnival held at Randall's Island as a warm-up for the fast approaching Penn Relays.

On Friday, the two mile relay foursome of Al Wittine (2:02.9), James Sammon (2:02.5), George Lippemeier (2:00.0) and Michael Marco (2:00.4) placed second to a strong Aviation H.S. team in the new meet record time of 8:02.8. Then the class mile relay team pulled off an unexpected victory in the fast time of 3:27.8. Frank Rampino, Pete Corritori, Frank Weber and Jim Dunphy comprised the victorious team.

Saturday saw the Terriers lose a heartbreaker when the Distance Medley team came in a close second to Bishop Loughlin's quartet in a new meet and school record time. Mike Marco led off the team with a 2:01.7 half mile and was followed by Tom Johnson's :50.4 quarter leg. Steve Morris broke away with a 3:13.5 three quarter mile and George Lippemeier's anchor mile of 4:31.2 wasn't enough to beat Loughlin's four who ran 10:36.5 to the Prep's 10:36.8 clocking. The Terriers finished in a tie for fourth place in the meet, six points behind the victors, Bishop Loughlin.

Relay Breaks Record; Takes Second at Penn

On Thursday, April 23rd, the St. Francis Prep two mile relay team left for Pennsylvania and the "grand-daddy" of all track meets, the Penn Relays. The Prepsters were determined to win the two mile relay since the trophy becomes the permanent possession of the team that wins it three times. The Terriers had won the trophy in '56 and '57, but the bad spill that a team member took in '58 all but eliminated any chance of a St. Francis victory last year.

The competition was strong as Mike Marco led off with a 2:02.5 half mile to bring the stick in with the leaders. Al Wittine took the baton and reeled off a 2:03.3 leg for a close fourth place. Running a 2:00.0 third leg, George Lippemeier kept the stick in fourth place about 15 yards back from the leaders. Steve Morris then uncorked a tremendous 1:57.5 anchor leg to pull the Prep up to a close second place behind Aviation High School's winning foursome. The Terriers wound up :01.6 seconds behind in the time of 8:02.3, which broke the Meet record set the previous year by Roman Catholic H.S. of Philadelphia.

On Saturday, the Open Distance Medley team placed third behind St. Michael's of Jersey City and Bishop Loughlin. Jim Sammon led off with a 2:04.2 half mile as Tom Johnson followed with a :50.6 quarter. Steve Morris opened up a lead with a sterling 3:12.9 three-quarter mile leg and handed off to George Lippemeier who ran a 4:38.3 mile leg to finish third with a team time of 10:46 compared to the winning time of 10:36.9 for St. Michael's.

When Kevin O'Grady ran into a packed bunch on the far turn and stumbled the Class Mile relay team was almost out of the race. However, Frank Weber followed O'Grady's :52.3 third leg to bring the stick in right behind the leader. Jim Dunphy anchored the team with a :51.5 leg but couldn't catch Wilson H.S. of New York as the Prep once again finished a close second. The team time was a fine 3:29.4 as against Wilson's 3:29.2 clocking.

Terriers Control Brooklyn-Long Island

Determination set in faces as Frank Weber passes to Pete Corritori in Class Mile Relay.

Trackmen's 58 Points Dominate Privates

Scoring in 15 of 16 events the Terriers ran over all competition to capture the forty-third annual Private High Schools meet for the fifth year in succession on May 16th at Downing Stadium, Randall's Island. The Little Terriers compiled a total of 58 points beating Mount St. Michael's total by 11 and Cardinal Hayes, the third place team, by 14.

Mike Lesniak started the Terrier machine when he scored 8 points by virtue of his third place heave in the shot put and his victory in the discus throw with a heave of 125'7". Joe Giacinto followed suit by taking fifth in the javelin throw as Ron Alleyne cleared 5'8" to tie for second place and 3 points in the high jump. Frank Weber contributed 10 points to the Prep's total when he doubled up in the broad jump — 21'5½" and cleared the 220 yard low hurdles in the good time of :25.2. Ron Alleyne then followed by his jump performance with a third place in the 120 yard high hurdles and Joe Purcell scored a point by taking fifth in the 220 yard low hurdles. Martin Keane and Pete Corritori added 3 points to the score when they respectively took a fourth in the 100 yard dash and a fifth in the 220 yard dash. Tom Johnson ran a close race in the 440 yard dash and came in a close second in :51.9.

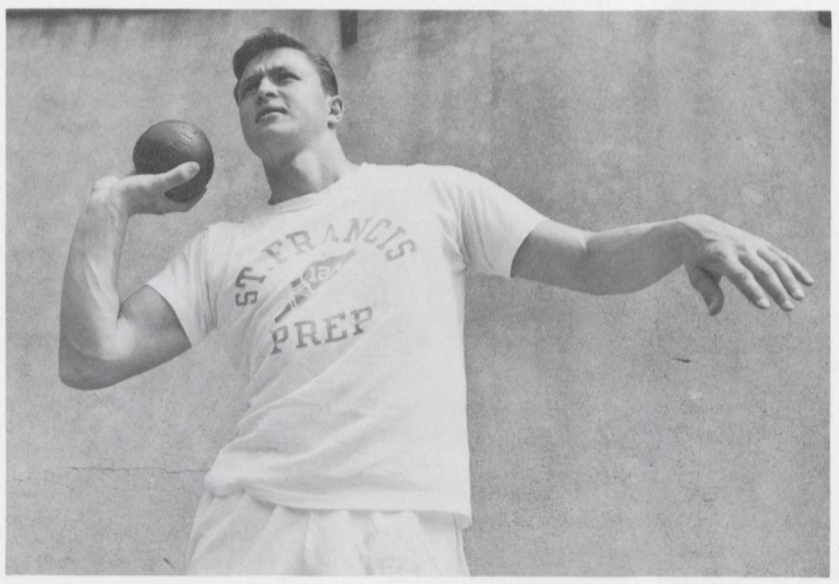
Steve Morris came through with another of his "kicks" to take the 880 yard run in 2:00.7. In the mile run 9 points were added when George Lippemeier won in 4:29.6 and Al Wittine followed him in for a close second place. In the one mile relay the team of Frank Rampino, Kevin O'Grady, Bill Dunn and Jim Dunphy finished in a close second place in 3:27.5.

The two mile relay foursome of Joe Salerno, Bill Szablewicz, Frank Rossano and Jim Sammon finished third in 8:17.5 while the second team of George Long, Bob Macken, Bob Harris and Marcel Sierra came in fifth. The 880 yard relay team of Lloyd Alvarado, Tony Greer, Artie Toohig and Dick Hemer finished fourth to keep the title with the Red and Blue for the fifth year in a row.

New President

In recognition of his many devoted years to school athletics, Brother Theodore, O.S.F., Chairman of the History Dept., has recently been elected President of the Association of Private Schools. This association comprises Catholic and Private schools. Now in its 44th year, it has competitions and programs in every major sport to be found on a high school campus.

Congratulations to Brother Theodore on his new appointment.



Mike Lesniak displays the form which netted him eight points in Privates.

Six Hit Rally Kills Tigers; Team Clinches Championship

On Monday, May 25th, the Terriers captured the Boro Crown with an impressive 5-2 win over Trinity at Old Farmer's Oval. Runnerup Chaminade lost all hope of a possible playoff when the win was secured by St. Francis.

Trinity's pitcher, Barresca, had given the Prep nine trouble earlier this season, but was ineffective against them in this encounter. The Little Terriers wasted no time in getting to him. In the first inning they put six consecutive hits together to tally four runs. Dan Henning, hurling for the Prep, then proceeded to pitch fine ball and gave up only two runs.

Because of a curfew, the ballgame lasted only five innings. In the fifth inning, Bruns singled O'Brien to third and another single by Pete Callahan scored the fifth and final run for the Terriers.

The Trinity Tigers picked up their runs in the fourth inning when they were able to "get to" Henning temporarily. St. Francis finished their regular season play with only two defeats. By this win, they became the "C.H.S.A.A. seekers" from Brooklyn-Long Island and drew Mt. St. Michael's, the Bronx victors, as the next step in their quest for the City Championship.

Terriers Rout Brooklyn Prep 15-5

On April 18th, St. Francis notched up another victory behind the pitching of Paul Speckenback, and powerful bats of the Red and Blue. The Eagles picked up five runs but were no match for the Prep sluggers.

Holy Trinity Falls 3-2

Led on by fine pitching at the mound and the big bats of Mike Agnes, Joe O'Brien and Burns, St. Francis remained undefeated in league competition. Agnes picked up two R.B.I.'s and O'Brien's double followed by Brun's single accounted for the winning run. The Terrier offense had been batted for six innings before it finally took shape as it has been doing this year.

St. Michael's Downed In 8-5 Defeat

Continuing on their winning ways, undefeated St. Francis smashed St. Mike's behind 3 hit pitching of Bob Bruns.

A five run second inning broke the game wide open. Pete Callahan blasted a lead-off homer which was followed by a base cleaning triple by Joe O'Brien. Mike Agnes picked up two more hits in this game.

Ray Nash leads off six hit rally with single to left.

St. Francis Picks Up Sixth At Johnnie's Expense

The Terriers picked up their sixth consecutive victory this season posting a 4-3 victory over St. John's. Once again, Bob Burns held an opposing club to three hits. He "grabbed" 13 strikeouts in the game and pitched himself out of a near disastrous sixth inning.

Joe O'Brien, talented left fielder and sure "pro-bet", set up the first run smashing a single to right field sending Butch Krauss to third. Later, Ray Nash singled to left scoring Alba with the winning run.

Terrier Streak Stopped At Seven

After a flawless opening half of the season the Little Terriers finally met with a deefat at the hands of St. Michael's, 5-0. It remained an exciting pitching duel for six innings. The St. Mike's ace, Antun, held out the longest, however. St. Francis' Speckenbach, who had given up only two scattered hits, was hit heavily in the sixth.

For the first time this season, an opposing pitcher seemed to "have the Terriers' number." The sterling offense which had won so many ball games had been stopped by Antun.

St. Francis Comes Back Strong 7-5

Due to a rainy week, the Prep was forced to postpone two ballgames. But on Friday, May 15th, they came back to defeat St. John's 7-5.

Behind the pitching of Bob Bruns and the big bats of the Prep nine, the Terriers could do no wrong. Among the game's highlights were Mike Agnes' homerun, triples by McGee and Pete Callahan, and a near steal of home by Joe O'Brien, recipient of the Al Powers award for baseball.

The big innings for St. Francis were the second and sixth when they scored all their runs.

St Francis Rips Loughlin 3-1

On May 18th the Little Terriers captured their ninth win in ten games by defeating Loughlin's Lions 3-1. Once again Bob Bruns turned in a magnificent job on the mound. Bruns tamed the Lions by allowing them only one hit in the ball game.

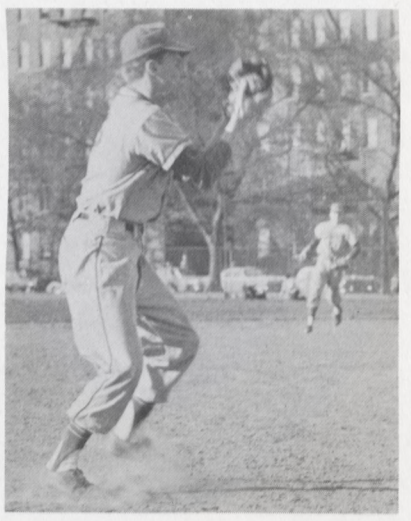
In the second inning, the Terriers picked up all their runs on a home run by third baseman, Pete Callahan. The three run blast proved to be ample insurance as Loughlin failed to score after the first inning.

Terriers Down Flyers 9-1

St. Francis boosted their record to seven wins against no losses when they beat Chaminade on April 30th behind the two hit pitching of ace Bob Bruns. The sophomore sensation fanned 13 batters to boost his strikeout mark.

The Prep scored twice in the fourth inning and three times in the sixth inning. Ken Weittreich's triple accounted for those runs after Alba, O'Brien and Bruns had loaded the bases.

The losing pitcher McGrath was unable to help the team move up in CHSAA standings and the Flyers now own a 3-4 mark.



Pete Callahan fields hard hit line drive.

Photo: U.S. Army

Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker uses a model of the PIONEER IV payload, now orbiting the sun, to explain the success of the space probe to the students of St. Francis Prep, during their visit with the Secretary in his Pentagon Office.

Y.C.S.'ers Participate in Annual Study Week

The Third Order Villa in Garrison, New York, was invaded by some fifty Young Christian Students during the Easter vacation. The purpose of the Study Week, which lasted for four days, was manifold. For some it was a re-orientation, while others found it to be a rejuvenation of the Young Christian Student movement spirit.

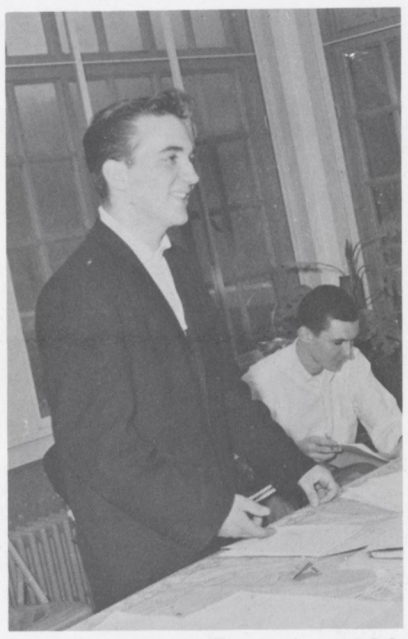
Throughout the four days the spiritual, intellectual and social aspects were mingled for the complete development of Y.C.S. way of life. Lectures, panel discussions, and a Day of Recollection were some of the means employed to enkindle the spirit of the Y.C.S'ers and deepen their knowledge of the lay apostolate.

Some fourteen high schools from New York City and Brooklyn were represented. Brothers Brendan and Cabrini were chaperones at the Study Week.

The day began with the Mass. Each day had a specific theme — the spiritual, intellectual and social. The Study Week was not all business. Time for recreation was also part of the schedule. Every evening the boys and girls either had a dance or an amateur night, which was followed by Benediction and a short meditation on the Gospel of the Mass for the following day.

Upon departure, the only criticism heard was that "too bad it didn't last longer."

Bill Murphy is presently President of the New York Federation, while Frank Accettulli is the National Representative and President of the Y.C.S. group at St. Francis.



Frank Accettulli delivers talk at Y.C.S. Study Week. Recently, he has been elected President of New York Federation of Y.C.S. Bill Murphy, last year's president, is in background.

All Prepsters will be happy to learn that with the growth of this Movement within the school, the Prep Y.C.S.'ers working together with the New York Federation have been instrumental in starting many movements within other schools and parishes.

Brother Cabrini discusses program of Study Week with Prepsters and students from St. Agnes H.S., College Point.

Prep Journeys to Capitol

by Peter Corritori

On Thursday, March 19, twenty-nine Seniors accompanied by Brothers Theodore and De Montfort left for a four day trip to Washington, D. C. After a pleasant busride the group arrived in Washington and immediately headed for The Pentagon (which is located across the Potomac River in Arlington, Va.). Here in the world's largest office building they met Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker who spoke about our nation's defenses. He gave a thorough lecture on all types of missiles and promised many great advances in the near future. The Seniors also received a guided tour of this building, which houses the Dept. of Defense.

The next day the group met J. Edgar Hoover and he personally shook hands with all. A comprehensive tour of the F. B. I. Building was given by Agent Herbert Hoxie who explained the intricacies of crime detection. Many labs were visited, the files on bad check pushers were seen, every kind of gun was viewed and an agent demonstrated a tommy gun in use on the firing range.

Later the group went to the Capitol and met Rep. John Rooney, an alumnus of the Prep, who took them into the office of the Committee on Appropriations, of which he is Chairman, and explained the Committee's workings. Fishbait Miller, Doorman of the House, was met and he took the group all through Capitol Hill and showed them the simple chapel which is for the use of Congressmen. The Seniors also sat in the gallery of the House to watch proceedings and then climaxed the tour of the home of the Legislative Body of our country with a visit to the office of Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. The genial Texan spoke to the boys and numerous pictures were taken.

The Smithsonian Institute, our nation's museum, was also visited. Among the various displays was a life size Jupiter "C" missile with an earth satellite, supposedly ready for firing. The traditional Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument were also seen. Most of the hearty Seniors demonstrated their vitality by walking down the 555 ft. Washington Monument after having previously taken an elevator to the top.

A second trip was made into Virginia to see the Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima) and the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. This is truly an impressive ceremony as the guard, attired in full dress uniform at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, relinquishes his orders to the new guard. A visit was also paid to George Washington's home at Mount Vernon. The surroundings were just the same as they appeared in the late 18th Century.

Visits were also made to the White House, Library of Congress and Senate Office Building. Before leaving on Sunday morning, the Seniors saw Georgetown University, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University of America and the catacombs of the Franciscan Monastery.

On the way home an informal visit was made to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. Many of the traditional sights such as Tecumseh's statue, the Naval Museum, Macdonough Hall and the naval jet were viewed.

A good time was had by all and the Hotel Burlington provided excellent service. Entertainment at night was provided by a wrestling show, roller skating and swimming.

The tour was educational and entertaining and provided an opportunity of a lifetime. Future trips will be just as enjoyable so all are urged to avail themselves of this privilege when they reach Senior year. Also sincere thanks are given to all who helped make the trip a very enjoyable one.

Photo: U.S. Army

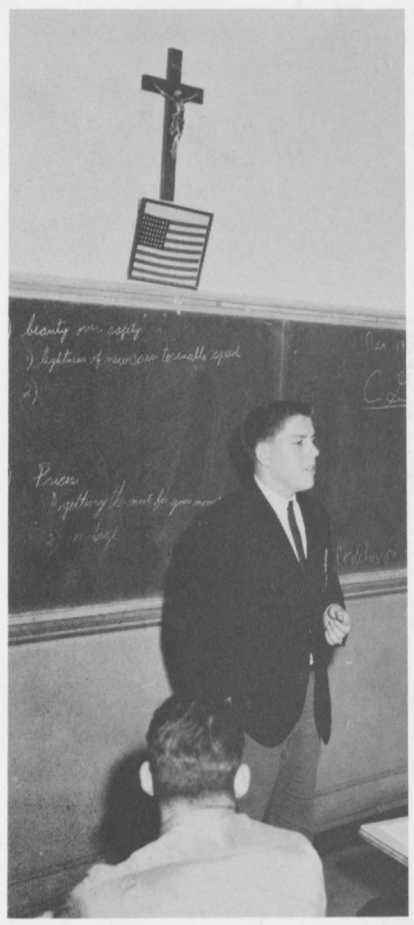
Shown after the students met J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I, are: (l. to r.), Brother Theodore, O.S.F.; the Honorable John J. Rooney, an alumnus of St. Francis Prep; Mr. Hoover, and Brother DeMontfort, O.S.F.

Seniors Command School for a Day

On Friday, May 22nd, Senior day was held under the direction of the Student Council. The Seniors took the place of the teachers during the morning, and then were dismissed at lunch time to prepare for the Prom that night. The Senior members of the Student Council acted as the school's administrators.

During the week the Seniors were assigned the subjects they were to teach, after having given their preferences earlier. It was their duty to see the teacher beforehand and to find out what he wanted taught. To the surprise of many students the Seniors did a very fine job. Discipline was maintained and since they had their lessons prepared, they were ready to teach the underclassmen confidently. Some even gave tests and homework.

With the favorable reaction by the faculty, Senior Day emerged a success. The Seniors enjoyed themselves and proved they could handle the class. It is hoped that this will be carried on in future years and provide an outstanding highlight of Senior Year.



Chuck LeFever gives Religion lecture to Class 301 on Senior Day.